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C O N F I D E N T I A L SEOUL 3009

1. DURING LUNCHEON CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF MAY 10, MOFA UN DIVISION CHIEF LEE SI YOUNG ASKED INFORMALLY WHAT USG ATTITUDE WOULD BE TOWARD ROK RECOGNITION OF GUINEA-BISSAU. LEE SAID THAT SEOUL WISHES TO GAIN MORE AFRICAN SUPPORT FOR ROK POSITION IN UN AND FOR THIS REASON DOES NOT WANT TO FALL TO FAR BEHIND THE TREND TOWARD RECOGNITION OF GUINEA-BISSAU REGIME. HE INDICATED THAT MOFA FEELS RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN PORTUGAL MAY GIVE A MAJOR BOOST TO GUINEA-BISSAU'S DIPLOMATIC STANDING.

2. LEE ALSO SAID THAT HIS DIVISION WAS "LOOKING INTO" POSSIBILITY OF ROK HUMANITARIAN AID TO AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. AID WOULD CONSIST OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND WOULD MATCH NORTH KOREAN MILITARY AID, WHICH LEE SAID IS NOT EXTENSIVE.

3. EMBOFF IN REPLY STATES USG POSITION ON RECOGNITION OF GUINEA-BISSAU AS DESCRIBED IN DEPARTMENT'S GIST 101 TO EFFECT THAT REGIME DOES NOT MEET CRITERIA OF RECOGNITION. HOWEVER, PROMISED TO REQUEST DEPARTMENT VIEWS.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ADVICE WE MIGHT PASS TO MOFA RE GUINEA-BISSAU RECOGNITION AND AID TO AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS.
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